

Epping Forest District Council Representations to the Draft Local Plan Consultation 2016 (Regulation 18)

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Letter or Email Response:

I would like to thank you for your work you have been doing to try and save the green spaces in Debden and Loughton. I moved here from Vauxhall in the middle of London having spent my life in London and so did my husband growing up on London council estates with not much green trees or fresh air. We took our house at **Redacted....** We gave our daughter a better quality of life due to being next to the open spaces and greens. Over the years we have sat on the hill and Jessel Green on a summer's day to just take in the view, fireworks night and when it snowed the whole of the estates children are up there and a few brave mums and dads sledging down the hill. We have over the years gone to all the events that have been put on for children over the years. That space that the council planted new trees only a few years ago, which my windows look onto is used by people all day long. You can see people walking their dogs, people running and children playing. Please do not let this stop. If the changes are allowed to take place I think I would look to move, I hope to be able to retire here as I would not want to be anywhere else, but these changes to our environment would not be what I want in my life. The other changes that have been happening in Debden a big large towering building in the Broadway, how is this in keeping with the area? How much are these flats going to sell for? Affordable housing or profit for Landlords to get high rents? The parking situation around the Station is increasingly getting worst, my husband trying to find a space each morning as he has to travel to Battersea for work every day. I cannot even think why using the car parks in Loughton is a good idea as there is not enough parking in Loughton. I have worked in schools and know this will put severe pressure on them the Doctors surgeries are also under pressure as are our local hospitals. I am also concerned as to where my house is. I think the land was marsh area (a friend told me she remembers a flood in the area and the houses opposite mine were flooded) and we need green spaces to soak up the rainfall as when it rains you can see water building up at the end of Burney Drive. People are encouraged not to fill in their drive ways for this reason. Would the planners like their house to be on a flood plane? I hope you are successful in stopping this. Yes we do need housing, but not at the level that has been planned it would destroy the area why are the greens not protected for the local people? We need to get this done as a matter of urgency. Please let me what I could do to help on this matter as I would be very willing to help.

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